

3 moving the cutting element with a plurality of pulse packets, each pulse packet being
4 separated by a pause period so that the cutting element does not generate heat which
5 denatures the tissue.

1 64. (NEW) The method of claim 63, wherein each pulse packet has a time
2 duration between 0.5-5.0 milliseconds.

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1 65. (NEW) The method of claim 64, wherein the pause period has a time
2 duration between 3.5-50 milliseconds.

1 66. (NEW) The method of claim 63, wherein the temperature does not exceed
2 45 degrees centigrade.

REMARKS

The applicant requests that the Examiner enter the amendments and examine the
above-entitled application.

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